

Minutes

Youth Council Meeting

November 20, 2008

Cedar City, Utah

Attendance: Steve Schofield, Mike Beacco, Colleen Tucker, Stephen Lisonbee

DWS Staff: Ann Barnson, Jolene Bundy

Minutes: Jolene Bundy

Welcome: Mike Beacco

Mike welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were presented. Steve Schofield made a motion to approve them. Colleen seconded the motion. They were approved.

New Members: Ann introduced Stephen Lisonbee as a new member of the council. He is replacing Fran Cannard as the member of the council representing the One Stop Center. Stephen is the new manager of the St. George Employment Center.

Agenda Items – Ann Barnson

Updates – Budget and Outcome reports

Ann passed out the WIA budget report. She went over the report explaining the amounts obligated and spent. She said the need for 50% to be on out of school youth has been a problem for the western region. The State average came out at 65%, which helped. Western region didn't meet the targeted expenditures because they haven't been able to find enough out of school youth. The Labor market has been very good so most of the youth have been able to find jobs.

- Ann said "in school youth" includes youth that haven't completed a high School diploma or has but is still skills deficient. She explained who are "in school youth" and who are "out of school youth", helping to clarify the questions some had.
- Mike Beacco wanted to invite the employment counselors to the team meeting for his foster youth. He said this gives them an up-front knowledge on what the youth are doing so they don't get lost in the cracks.
- Ann passed out a paper with the Performance Levels for PY 07 and negotiated PY08. She said in the outcomes for WIA Youth

(in the 3rd section down) there is a negotiated level. The Actual statewide percent in the middle column is higher in every area than the negotiated percent. That is great. As long as it is within 80% of the negotiated level it is okay for the Feds.

State Youth Council Update

The State Council approved DWS to continue as the Youth Services Provider. The monitoring showed everything was okay so they will continue until the bid for the new contract is put out in 2009 or 2010.

- Stephen asked if there is an avenue to notify the public that a new contract is coming up for the service provider so they will have time to prepare and find out what is required for the contract. Ann said all bids are on the web site at <http://purchasing.utah.gov> and they can obtain the forms and information there.

Update on Reality Events and Leadership events

The Youth Council voted on having the leadership events as part of the reality events. They will be starting in February in St. George.

Sector Strategy Plans for the New Year

Ann said we need a discussion as to where the Youth Council is going. The Education Pathways has been completed. We are through with that so need a direction. Ann passed out a brochure meant to educate the youth about the WIA Program.

- Stephen suggested having the kids develop a brochure. Maybe have a contest where the youth design the brochure to hand out.
- Mike read the mission statement of the Youth council and asked them what they would like to do and who do they want to collaborate with to help prepare the kids for the workforce.
- They agreed the council members need to feel they are accomplishing something to make it worth their time coming to the meetings.
- Because of the Region Council having the educational portion of the meeting first the Youth council hasn't had time to do what they needed to. So it was suggested the Youth council meet at a different time from the Region Council. Sometime during December was suggested as a time to meet. Ann said she would send out an email to the council members to see if we can find a date that would be good to meet.

Steve Schofield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Stephen Lisonbee seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.

Action Items August 21, 2008			
Item #	Person responsible	Item	Date to be completed
1.	Ann	Send out email to council members as to a date for a separate youth council meeting.	ASAP

Conclusions	
1.	Minutes for the Meeting on August 21, 2008 were approved
2.	The council will try to meet on a separate date from the Region Council – possibly in December but before the next council meeting.